



SIGURD ANDERSON
GOVERNOR

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the signers of the Declaration of Independence were moved to dedicate this nation to the conception of Freedom Under God, and to sound the keynote of American Independence with "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness," and

WHEREAS, in appropriate commemoration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the great patriot, John Adams, in 1776 said: "The Fourth of July ought to be commemorated as a day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty," and

WHEREAS, there is more fighting at this time in our nation's history while we are fighting a war in Korea to preserve the freedom throughout the world and secure our own independence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sigurd Anderson, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of June 30 through July 4, 1953 as a FREEDOM UNDER GOD observance of

INDEPENDENCE WEEK

and do hereby urge all South Dakotans to stage appropriate demonstrations and recognition of the relationship between Faith and Freedom as well as attending the church of their choice on the day of worship preceding Independence Day, by clergymen preaching sermons on the theme FREEDOM UNDER GOD, by churches and other organizations meeting during this week taking recognition of God as the Divine Source of our liberties, by editors, publishers, and columnists writing on the importance of restoring Freedom Under God to its rightful place in our national life, and by other proper means of reviving the original spirit of American liberty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed, this 27th day of June, 1953.

Sigurd Anderson
Governor

ATTEST:

Geraldine Detroit
Secretary of State

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